

**Approved 2/7/18**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 pm**

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Kent Healy, Jen Rand

**Also Present:** Kathy Logue, Rich Olsen, R. Saltzburg

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 12/27/17. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Tiah's Cove Culvert:** Rich Olsen, Highway Superintendent, said the culvert on Tiah's Cove is not in good shape and needs to be replaced. He said the Conservation Commission supports the project to allow for fish passage. The first step is to appropriate funds for design and permitting. Jen explained that the Town would apply for a grant for the actual replacement work but if the grant were not funded there would be another warrant article request for funding for the work at a later town meeting. Kent said the Department of Fish and wildlife is also interested in seeing the culvert replaced. Cindy asked if there were other culverts in poor condition. Richie said mostly no. Cindy noted that the Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee was looking at connectivity through culverts.

*K. Healy motioned to approve placing an article on the warrant for \$10,000 for design and permitting the culvert replacement on Tiah's Cove Rd. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Job Descriptions – Treasurer/Collector & Assistant:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the job descriptions for Treasurer/Collector & Assistant. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Zoning Bylaw Petition:** *C. Mitchell motioned to refer the zoning bylaw petition to the Planning Board as required by M.G.L. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**New Shellfish Position:** Jen explained that she and Kent had developed a draft job description based on input from a couple of the Shellfish Committee members. She explained her concerns that there were a lot of pieces of this job that were not clear including supervision. Cindy said she felt it was not yet ready to go to the voters. The Board tabled the position for now and Jen will set up a meeting with the Shellfish Committee and Conservation Committee to try and determine the best way to move forward.

**Field Gallery:** Jen said that the Morses had not realized they would have to pay taxes and were concerned about the added cost, so she thought perhaps an amendment to the lease to give the Town responsibility for the mowing similar to what was done at the Mill Pond building might be a good compromise. Cindy noted that the land next to the Gallery was not quite comparable to the land next to the Mill Pond Building in its use. Skipper noted that the Gallery used the property to showcase art. The Board said they would support the change to the lease to shift mowing responsibility to the Town but noted it would be a point of negotiation at the next lease term.

*C. Mitchell motioned to sign the lease as amended. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**WT Police Chief Public Meeting:** Cindy chaired this portion of the meeting. She said that she had asked Jen to develop some possible questions for Matt for the public meeting. She and Kent will use that list as a starting point, and the meeting will be open to the public for their questions.